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Attention: Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500 for Kris Balaji, Transportation Programming

Dear Mr. Morales:

SUBJECT: FY2002/03 to 2004/05 Federal Transportation Improvement Program; SBCAG FTIP
Amendment #8

We have completed our review of the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) 2002/03 to 2004/05 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment # 8, as requested by your letter of July 7, 2003.

Based on our review, we find that this SBCAG FTIP amendment was developed based on a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23USC 134 & 135, 49 USC 5303-5305, and 23CFR450. We also find that the FTIP as amended conforms to the applicable SIP in accordance with the provisions of 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93 as well as the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) January 2, 2002, guidance *Revised Guidance for Implementing the March 1999 Circuit Court Decision Affecting Transportation Conformity* and the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) May 14, 1999, guidance *Conformity Guidance on Implementation of March 2, 1999 Conformity Court Decision*. Moreover, this amendment has been coordinated with the EPA, Region 9.

This letter constitutes approval, and inclusion of SBCAG's FTIP Amendment # 8 into California's 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP), with the understanding that the eligibility of individual projects is subject to the applicant's satisfaction of all FTA and FHWA administrative requirements. This approval is based on the Department of Transportation/Caltrans assurance that the funding for this amendment does not adversely impact the FSTIP Financial Plan.

If you have any questions regarding this determination, please do not hesitate to contact Sandra Balmir of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Office at (213) 202-3953 and/ or Donna Turchie at the Federal Transit Administration at (415) 744-2743.

Sincerely,

/s/ Leslie Rogers

Leslie Rogers
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Enclosure

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